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8 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**
9 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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11 In re:

12 THE RHODES COMPANIES, LLC, aka
13 "Rhodes Homes", et al.,

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15 Debtors.

Bankruptcy No. 09-14814-LBR

Chapter No. 11

16 **VERIFIED PETITION FOR**
17 **PERMISSION TO PRACTICE**
18 **IN THIS CASE ONLY BY**
19 **ATTORNEY NOT ADMITTED**
20 **TO THE BAR OF THIS COURT**

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2004
FILING FEE IS \$175.00

21 Mark R. Somerstein Petitioner, respectfully represents to the Court:

22 1. That Petitioner resides in New York, NY
23 (City) (State)

24 2. That Petitioner is an attorney at law and a member of the law firm of

25 Ropes & Gray LLP with offices at

26 1211 Avenue of the Americas
27 (street address)

28 New York, NY 10036 (212) 841-8814
(city) (zip code) (area code + telephone number)

3. That Petitioner has been retained personally or as a member of the law firm by
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as agent, to provide legal representation in connection with the above-
 [client(s)]
 entitled case now pending before this Court.

4. That since 1990, Petitioner has been and presently is a member
 (date)
 in good standing of the bar of the highest Court of New Jersey and since 1991 Petitioner has
 been and presently is a member in good standing of the bar of the highest Court of New York.
 where Petitioner regularly practices law.

5. That Petitioner was admitted to practice before the following United States
 District Courts, United States Circuit Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of the United States
 and Courts of other States on the dates indicated for each, and that Petitioner is presently a
 member in good standing of the bars of said Courts. Date Admitted

United States District Court for the Southern
 District of New York

1993

United States District Court for the Eastern
 District of New York

1993

United States Court of Appeals for the Third
 Circuit

2001

United States District Court for the District
 of New Jersey

1990

6. That there are or have been no disciplinary proceedings instituted against petitioner, nor any suspension of any license, certificate or privilege to appear before any judicial, regulatory or administrative body, or any resignation or termination in order to avoid disciplinary or disbarment proceedings, except as described in detail below:

N/A

7. That Petitioner has never been denied admission to the State Bar of Nevada.
(Give particulars of ever denied admission):

N/A

8. That Petitioner is a member of good standing in the following Bar Associations:

N/A

9. Petitioner or any member of Petitioner's firm (or office if firm has offices in more than one city) with which Petitioner is associated has/have filed application(s) to appear as counsel under Local Rule IA 10-2 during the past three (3) years in the following matters:

Date of Application	Cause	Title of Court Administrative Body or Arbitrator	Was Application Granted or Denied
June 23, 2006 (John Kenneth Felter)	Convergys Corporation v Freedom Wireless, Inc. (Civil Action No. 2:06-cv-644-LRH- GWF)	United States District Court for the District of Nevada (Las Vegas)	Approved on June 30, 2006

(If necessary, please attach a statement of additional applications)

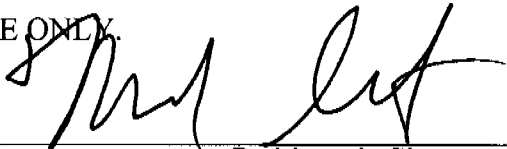
10. Petitioner consents to the jurisdiction of the courts and disciplinary boards of the State of Nevada with respect to the law of this state governing the conduct of attorneys to the same extent as a member of the State Bar of Nevada.

11. Petitioner agrees to comply with the standards of professional conduct required of the members of the bar of this court.

12. Petitioner has disclosed in writing to the client that the applicant is not admitted to practice in this jurisdiction and that the client has consented to such representation.

1 That Petitioner respectfully prays that Petitioner be admitted to practice before this Court
2 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CASE ONLY.

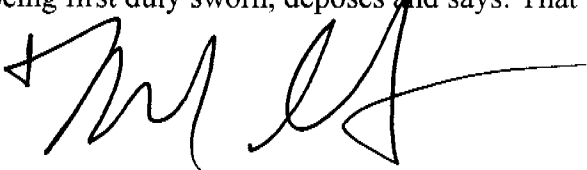
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4 DATED: April 14, 2009


Petitioner's Signature

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6 STATE OF New York)

7 COUNTY OF New York)

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9 Mark R. Somerstein, Petitioner, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That the
10 foregoing statements are true.


Petitioner's Signature

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15 (SEAL)

16 Subscribed and sworn to before me this

17 14th day of April, 2009

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MICHELLE FALLON public
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01FA5034522
Qualified in Bronx County
Commission Expires October 11, 2010